

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 212. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, Dec. 23, 1862.

I.. Hereafter the chiefs of the respective Bureaux in the War Department will designate the officers to be assigned as Adjutant General, Quartermaster, Commissary of Subsistence, and Inspector General for each Army Corps, in accordance with section 10, of the Act approved July 17, 1862. These officers will, when once assigned, remain permanently attached to their respective Corps without regard to the movements of Corps Commanders, unless otherwise assigned by the President.

II.. The Aides-de-Camp authorized for Corps Commanders by the Act quoted above, will be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, on the recommendation of the Corps Commanders. They may accompany the General for whom they were appointed in his change of duties or station; but when he is assigned to a command inferior to an Army Corps, their appointments as Aides-de-Camp for a Corps Commander will be revoked, and they will fall back upon the commission previously held.

III.. The Assistant Adjutants General of divisions and brigades will hereafter remain permanently attached to the commands to which once assigned; and will not be considered as part of the personal staff of the General on whose recommendation they were appointed.

All Assistant Adjutants General of Volunteers, now off duty, or not on their appropriate duty with some corps, division, or brigade of Volunteers, will immediately report their names and address to this office, that they may be assigned to duty.

IV.. Hereafter, all applications by General Officers for the appointment either of Assistant Adjutants General, or officers of the Quartermaster or Commissary Departments, will be transmitted through the headquarters of the Army to which they are attached, and will not thence be forwarded to this office, unless there are no disposable Staff Officers of the description asked for, who can be assigned by the Commander of the Army to the General Officer making application for them.

No General Officer will, therefore, be permitted to make such application while detached from, or, if newly appointed, until he shall have joined, the Army with which he is to serve.

V..The only members of their Staff whom General Officers are authorized to take with them, in future, when detached from, or otherwise leaving their commands, are their ordinary Aides-de-Camp—those selected in accordance with the Acts of July 22 and 29, 1861, sections 3 and 4, respectively, and of July 17, 1862, section 10.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.